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In re Patent Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Serial No. 09/523,237)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN1
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Filed: March 10, 2000)	Confirmation No. 5771
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For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET)	VIA FACSIMILE
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING)	
MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Related Applications

Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the existence of related, co-pending application Serial Nos. 09/565,427 and 09/808,558, filed on May 5, 2000 and March 14, 2001, respectively.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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